

# INFO

Please complete this slip and place it in the oak box to the right of the door as you leave.

This aids pastoral care and communication. Thanks!

I/We are:

☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd time Guests ☐ Regular attendees

I/We heard about Word of Life

from: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like:

- ☐ the pastor to call me
- ☐ to request personal, spiritual care
- ☐ to be baptized
- ☐ to receive foundational teaching

Adult Name(s) Please Print

Youth/Children (grade)

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City, ST Zip

Email

Can We Text You?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Phone

Additional Info

## Building a bigger heaven and better lives!

January 25, 2026

### We Thank You Lord...

- that Your light has come to us in Christ - not because we were ready, but because You are faithful.
- for the joy of family, natural and surrogate
- for employment in answer to our prayers for **Mick Molina**
- for a safe labor and delivery for the Bristow family (**Doublestein**)
- for the blessings and resources You have entrusted to our care and Your promise to multiply our offerings to build a bigger heaven and better lives.

### We Ask You Lord...

- to turn us from trusting ourselves to trusting You, and keep us near Your Word, Your table, and Your mercy.
- for renewed love and hope for our neighbors, so we are better conduits of Your love in this world
- to bless Dr. Darren Williams and the Evangelists of our Texas District's Area D as they train to expand the Gospel's proclamation and reach here in Texas and beyond
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and move them to lead according to Your will
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- to restore broken marriages, engage disengaged parents, reconcile estranged family members, heal and strengthen families, add to our families by giving us love and mercy
- to grant healing and recovery to those battling anxiety and addictions and to give love, peace, and patience to family and friends who support them
- to bless **Jerry Johnson's** preparation for and performance in his upcoming LCMS Specialized Care Chaplaincy endorsement interview
- to bless Kaleb and Emily (**Hatfield**) in their wedding preparations and early days of marriage
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (Flowers)
- for provision, guidance, and healing for the Funke family
- for blessing and guidance regarding life changes, including employment and relationships for **Dennis Hatfield, Mickey Molina, Jayme Edwards, Audry-Anna Edwards**, and Bethany Torres
- for safety, health, and growth for baby Orlin (**Molina**)
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for the **Stover** family
- to grant peace and comfort to Marjorie Schroeder (**Mitschke**) in her last earthly days and grant strength and rest to her family and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Dilva Galan (**Stafford**), Mikey (**Stark**), Rusty Smariga, and Roy Kasper (**Mitschke**) as they mourn their deaths
- to heal and comfort **Kathy Raymond, Margie Dominguez, Thomas & Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens, Al Fennigkoh, Baby Koen Slates, Monte Easley (Beveridge), Joshua Tolin (Bruce), Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Cheryl Smith, Mary Lu, Robert Ferry (Dominguez), Debbie Arriaga, Alma Rosa Timmons, Bubba & Donna Ahrens (Flowers), Alejo Garcia (Garcia-Treviño), Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Roger Fields, Robbie Smith, Sandy Doering, Iris Trahan (Mitschke), Lewis Starkey, Ruby Brunelle, Marianne Powell, Carson (Nightingale), Mark McQuaid (Paxton), Phil (Peterson), Miriam Prieto (Prieto), Sef Alvarado (Stark), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Diana Paddison, Andy, Beth Lukasiewicz, Nicole Garcia, Mandee, Nicky Lahren, Beth Roberts (Stevens), Robert Maggiano, Naomi Reese (Valentine), Terry Walker (Wagner)**
- to heal those battling cancer: **Rick Wimberley, Lyndal Cadel, Guy Morgan (Craigmile), Wesley, Pedro, Betty Ruff (Dominguez), Rodney Edwards, Margaret Swartz (Edwards), Gladys (Garcia-Treviño), R.D. Latimer (Latimer), Connie Barz, Cathy Brigham, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (Mitschke), Maria Molina (Molina), Becky Plumley (Nichols), Meredith Powell (Nightingale), Eddy & Chad Holloway (Paxton), Chuck Warner (Pointner), Kenton Stafford, Leena Prindle**
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to connect people to Jesus and His Kingdom

January 25, 2026

## Word of Life Fellowship

Worship ● 9:00a & 11:15a

K-5th Sunday School ● 9:00a

Youth and Adult Bible Class ● 10:15a

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## Light Without Argument

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

- Most of us don't think of ourselves as living in \_\_\_\_\_.
- And yet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great \_\_\_\_\_."
- Which means two things can be true at the same time: God's light has actually come, and we are still very \_\_\_\_\_ at learning how to live without it.
- Biblically speaking, darkness is not a lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Darkness isn't about being irreligious; it's about being \_\_\_\_\_.
- Matthew is saying: this is where the \_\_\_\_\_ goes first.
- Jesus doesn't arrive with a \_\_\_\_\_ memo.

- “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at \_\_\_\_\_.”
- The kingdom is at hand - close enough to \_\_\_\_\_ over.
- Jesus doesn’t call people once they understand him; He calls them \_\_\_\_\_.
- No explanation of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Just presence. Just authority. Just \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Gospel does not succeed because it sounds \_\_\_\_\_.
- Faith is not created by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Faith is created by \_\_\_\_\_.
- It’s not the Gospel that is fragile; it’s our \_\_\_\_\_.
- The cross doesn’t win arguments; it undoes the \_\_\_\_\_ arguments rely on.
- The Gospel won’t \_\_\_\_\_ with that.
- Discipleship is not self-improvement; it’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- You stop organizing your life around your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identity before \_\_\_\_\_.
- Grace before \_\_\_\_\_.
- When light comes first, obedience becomes \_\_\_\_\_, not desperation.

- The church is not called to out-\_\_\_\_\_ the world.
- We do not need louder voices; we need clearer \_\_\_\_\_.
- You do not need to have everything figured out to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
- You need proximity. You need \_\_\_\_\_.
- The light has come. Not to argue with you. But to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

#### Scripture Readings:

- Isaiah 9:1-4
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- Matthew 4:12-25

#### Family Discussion

- Where do you most notice the temptation to rely on confidence instead of trust?
- What are some “nets” (security, habits, expectations) that shape how your week is organized?
- How does knowing that Jesus calls before understanding change the way you think about faith?
- Where has Christ promised to be present for you right now - and how can your family lean into that together this week?
- Prayer: Lord, give us a spirit of humility and use us how You will.

#### **Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:**

☐ Confidential (for pastors only)  
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Have you or a friend been wanting to take a deep look at what the Bible says about faith, certainty, eternity, Jesus, and other important topics and events?

Do you have a schedule that keeps you from attending Bible studies or groups?

Pastor Phil is offering an individually-scheduled theology course - *don't worry, it's super accessible for anyone* - for adults via Zoom, in person, or a hybrid.

If you missed youth confirmation, or have never received any instruction as an adult, this is a great opportunity that we encourage you to consider.

☐ **Yes, contact me at the number on the reverse form.**